> during the past sis months. . . I have just ordered mv branch to cease operations because taxation, piracy, robbery and government seizures hare destroyed the very foundations of credit. . . The foreigners are afraid of budging more than ten miles out of the City, except in the armed boats running to Hongkong and ^iacao."

Referring to the "Land Inquisition/' he stated that:—

> "This Inquisition simply means that officials now in the saddle in Canton have sent out an order that all property-osiers must bring forth their Title Deeds, and if there be any Titles not dating back to the ^ling Dynasty (ended 300 years ago) the property is seized b}- the * Government* and sold to the highest bidders. . . Xaw and order have not only ceased at the City limits, but are only extant in the City within those districts policed by the Canton Volunteer Corps, an organization of shop men and'responsible citizens numbering 7,000 and all fully armed. This organization is openly op-posed not only to the present Government, but to afl military buccaneers. *J

At the end of October the Chinese Chamber of Commerce sent a deputation to Dr. Sun to protest against: the indiscriminate confiscation of private property, which had led to the eviction of thousands of families from their rightful homes ; the impressing of persons into military service, regardless of their dependents; the reopening of gambling houses, and the revival of the opium traffic; the com-mandeering of private launches; and excessive taxation.

Dr. Sun was not encouraging. He stated that he required six million dollars for the repatriation of the Yunnanese troops !

He had reinstated his son as Mayor when he returned to Canton, and he shared his

father's unpopularity, as it fell to his lot to comb Canton for money. An attempt to assassinate him made in the latter part of 1923.